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1. SECSTATE KISSINGER'S MOSCOW VISIT: PROMINENT PRESS PLAY CONTINUES. SAMPLE HEADLINES: INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO): "KISSINGER AND BREZHNEV MEET FOR EIGHT HOURS"; REPORT SAYS THAT "...THE LONG CONVERSATION WAS INTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION OF BOTH PARTIES' INTEREST IN REACHING CONCRETE AGREEMENTS AND OF KISSINGER'S DESIRE TO RESOLVE ALL PROBLEMS, SO THAT WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON VISITS MOSCOW IN JUNE HE CAN SIGN THE ACCORD ON REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS. ..."; LIBERAL JORNAL DE BRASILIA: "KISSINGER AND BREZHNEV IN A CORDIAL DIALOGUE" (MARCH 27). SAMPLE COMMENTARY:

(A) COLUMNIST PAULO DE CASTRO WRITES IN PRO-GOB DIARIO DE NOTICIAS (RIO): "... THERE ARE NO REASONS FOR ANXIETY ABOUT THE MOSCOW TALKS. THE SUPERPOWERS (U.S. AND USSR) ARE UNITED BY THEIR WORLD INTERESTS. ...FORTUNATELY, THEY LONG AGO PUT ASIDE ANY IDEAS ABOUT A NUCLEAR WAR. AS WE ALL WANT PEACE, THIS IS COMFORTING. WHAT IS NECESSARY IS THAT NOW THEY DO NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTABLISH, IN THE NAME OF PEACE, AN INTERNATIONAL 'STATUS QUO'

THAT, THROUGH EXPLICIT AND TACIT DIVISION OF GLOBAL AREAS OF INTEREST, WOULD TEND TO OBSTRUCT THE THIRD WORLD'S ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND DIPLOMATIC DEVELOPMENT. TRUE DETENTE IMPLIES RESPECT FOR ALL RIGHTS OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, THEIR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. THIS IS THE ONLY COURSE THAT CAN BE FOLLOWED FOR TRUE STABILITY IN THE WORLD." (MARCH 26).

2. KUBISCH TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS: RECEIVES LIGHT STRAIGHT PRESS PLAY. SAMPLE COVERAGE: PRO-GOB DIARIO DE BRASILIA CARRIES INSIDE REPORT SAYING THAT "ASSIANT SECRETARY JACK KUBISCH, LEADING SPOKESMAN ON INTER-AMERICAN MATTERS FOR NIXON ADMINISTRATION, MANIFESTED YESTERDAY HIS HOPE THAT SOMEDAY CUBA CAN PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. HE DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION, HOWEVER, IF CUBA AND THE MAJORITY OF THE OAS MEMBER-NATIONS ARE PREPARED FOR A RECONCILIATION. ...ASKED ABOUT PRESS COMMENTARIES FAVORING U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM OAS, HE SAID, "WITHOUT THE UNITED STATES THE OAS WOULD NOT BE REALISTIC. WE ARE HERE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, AND THIS IS A FACT OF LIFE." (MARCH 27).

3. SECRETARY SHULTZ STATEMENT: RECEIVES MODERATELY PROMINENT PRESS PLAY. PRESTIGIOUS O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO FRONT-PAGES REPORT HEADLINED "SHULTZ SEES NO ADVANTAGES IN DEVALUATIONS" SAYING THAT "U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH A BANK OF BOSTON SUGGESTION THAT THE U.S. ADOPT THE BRAZILIAN ANTI-INFLATIONARY FORMULA OF PERIODIC AND UNEXPECTED DEVALUATION OF ITS CURRENCY. ...REGARDING THE SURTAX ON BRAZILIAN SHOE IMPORTS, SHULTZ STATED THAT THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED UNOFFICIALLY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES' HIGH OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY, THE U.S. IS INVESTIGATING WHETHER OR NOT BRAZIL IS SUBSIDIZING ITS SHOE EXPORTS TO THE U.S. IF IT IS CONFIRMED, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BY LAW IMPOSE A SURTAX WHICH WILL CORRESPOND TO THE TOTAL OF THESE SUBSIDIES. ..." (MARCH 27).

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